

Montessori Fun Time

JULY Newsletter



"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free.

And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me" ~ by: Lee Greenwood ~

First of all, we would like to thank you all for attending our Father's Day party at Montessori Funtime on Saturday the 19th. We were very pleased to see you and your families celebrate that special day with us. The children were fabulous and they performed beautifully. They keep growing the love and joy in our hearts. We were glad to see that daddies liked the T-Shirts©. We are very lucky, and grateful to have wonderful parents like you!

And also thanks a lot for the yummy potluck food! The pictures are now available on Picassa; so check them out.

- **4th of July:** Montessori Funtime will be **CLOSED** on Monday July 5th, in commemoration with the Independence Day of the United States. This special day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, and traditions of the United States... So enjoy the day and watch the fireworks.
- **Pool Day!** On **Friday July 16**, we are having a pool party from **12:00 pm until 2:00 pm**. We will be meeting at the Columbus Grove Swimming pool by the Sweet Shade Park. Parents must be there at all times. A teacher will be in the classroom, therefore the children who do not want to go to the pool, will have a regular day in school. If you would like to join us at the pool, please pick up your child from the preschool and then bring him/her to the event. We will be providing the food, therefore please make a **\$5 payment to MFT** for the Lunch. Make sure your child brings his/her swimsuit, a towel, Sunscreen, and floaters if needed. We are looking forward to see you all there!

- **1 month notice:** We know that many of you already have plans for the summer, so if your child will be leaving for 2 weeks or more, please notify the preschool at least one month ahead. We will need to know to plan the spots accordingly.
- **Summer Program:** Learning at Montessori Funtime is endless! We are having a special summer program for our current students and also for children joining for the summer. Weekly themes are provided along with our Montessori curriculum. Siblings and friends are welcome to enroll. We offer a 5% sibling discount. The child is given work depending on his/her age level. Please spread the word about MFT and you'll get a referral special!
- **September Schedule:** Starting September 2010, we are having a slight change in our schedule. We are adjusting our hours into the following: Session 1 (8:30 – 11:30), Session 2 (11:30 – 2:30), and Session 3 (2:30 – 5:30). We want you to know ahead of time so that you can adjust accordingly. **We are honoring you, our dear parents by keeping your current rates the same;** therefore there will be no changes in that. New parents are charged according to our new fees. You can check our website for more details, or if you have any concerns, please inform us and we would love to assist you.
- **Extra Classes:** Children attending our extracurricular classes are doing just great! Why not give it a try this summer. Your child will love to be part of these wonderful classes (Spanish, Dance, Abacus, Hindi & Piano). These classes are offered once a week each from 3:30-4:30. What a better place to have your child enjoy activities than his/her own preschool. Children of all ages are welcome to join.
- **Drop off and pick Up times:** Please at drop off, be **punctual** as it can be disruptive to the children doing their regular Montessori jobs. Circle time starts at **9:00Am. Please Do not ring the bell;** Knock on the door very gently and encourage your child to come in quietly. A quick goodbye will ultimately make separation much easier! Please also be on time for pick up.
- **Teachers Biographies:** We have sent a brief summary about every teacher working at Montessori Funtime. We hope you enjoyed reading the Bios and getting to know the MFT staff better.
- **Congratulations!** We would like congratulate the Hansalia Family on the birth of their new baby Girl. May God Bless her and give her beautiful days. Dhara is now a Big Sister

In this month, along with the regular Montessori curriculum, children will learn about:

4th of July (Independence Day)

Characteristics of summer

- **Practical Life:** Dressing Frames

Exploring material Textures & matching tem

Punching Exercises

Revision of the lessons previously presented in the classroom

- **Sensorial:** All four knobbls Cylinders
Baric tablets
Geometric Solids (Feeling them, Naming them, Tracing and coloring them)
- **Language:** Phonic sounds and letters (Daily)
Making three letter phonic words using the movable alphabets, and reading them
Reading the Pink Cards
- **Botany:** Pressed flower
- **Geography:** Reviewing the Globe
Land & Water
Continents
- **Science:** Floaters and Sinkers Experiments
- **Zoology:** Sea Shells and Parts of a Butterfly
- **ART:** String Painting

**Events in Orange County

Free Craft Classes at The Long Beach Depot

Where: Long Beach from 10:30 Am – 12:30 Pm, Kids will learn how to make crafts from recycled items and alternative materials, along with hand-sewing classes (+8)

Admission: is FREE.

TEL: 562- 437-9999

Pretend City Children's Museum

When: July 1-31

Where: 49 Hubble, Irvine

Event: The great Outdoors. Join the Museum as they bring all the great outdoors in through fun activities and events all month long, exploring natural habitats, such as the desert, the ocean, rainforest and mountains in fun and creative ways.

Admission: FREE Classes July 12-16

TEL: 949-428-3900 or www.pretendcity.org

Free Movies

When: On Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Where: Regal Cinemas

Event: <http://www.regmovies.com/>

4th of July Festivals and Fireworks:

Woodbridge Fireworks

When: Sunday July 4, 2010 at 9:00 PM

Where: Woodbridge Village, Irvine, CA

Event: Woodbridge Village HOA, 4th of July Celebration

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San Clemente Fireworks Show

When: Sunday, July 4, 2010

Where: At approximately 9:00 p.m. the City continues its annual tradition with a spectacular fireworks display from the Municipal Pier.

Admission: is FREE.

TEL: 949-361-8264

Hollywood Bowl Fireworks

When: July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:30pm

Event: The inspiring, stirring Patriotic music; country superstar singer and the bowl's most pyrotechnic display

Where: Hollywood

Admission: is FREE.

TEL: 323-850-2000

The Great American 4th of July Bike Parade/Contest

When: Friday July 2nd at 10:00 Am

Event: Every year, hundreds of local kids decorate their own 2 wheelers and ride a mile out-and-back on the sunny beach boardwalk for this old fashioned parade. Cash prizes (and bragging rights) to the best dressed bikes and riders.

Where: Meet at 1 S. Granada Ave at Ocean Blvd, Long Beach

Admission: is FREE.

Web: www.bikeparade.com